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REMARKS

Claims 2, 4, 6-8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are presently pending in the application and have been amended to more particularly define the invention. Claims 1, 3, 5, 9, 12, 15, 18, and 21 have been cancelled in the interest of expediting prosecution.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 9, 11-12, 15, 18 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant Admitted Prior Art and Lee, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,678,678. Claims 1, 3, 5, 9, 12, 15, 18 and 21 have been canceled.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that claims 2, 4, 6-8, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, and 20 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. These claims have been amended to place claims 2, 6, 10, 13, 16, and 19 into independent form. Claims 4, 7, 8, 14, 17, and 20 are dependent from various ones of these independent claims.

Claim 11 has been amended to be dependent from allowable claim 10, and so is also allowable.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 2, 4, 6-8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, and 20, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are allowable, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action would be appreciated.

The Information Disclosure Statement filed April 27, 2004 included a form PTO-A820 which listed four United States patents, along with WO 01/24440 A2 and a European Search Report dated March 25, 2004. The Office Action included a copy of the form PTO-A820 which was marked to show that the Examiner had considered the four United States patents, but did not indicate that the Examiner had considered either WO 01/24440 A2 or the

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European Search Report. Another copy of the form PTO-A820 is attached. It is requested that the Examiner consider WO 01/24440 A2 and the European Search Report, mark the form PTO-A820 to so indicate, and return the thus-marked form to the undersigned firm.

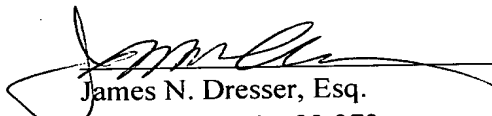
Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary for allowance in a telephonic or personal interview.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, including extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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